Waanyi language

Waanyi, also spelt **Wanyi**, **Wanji** or **Waanji**, is an extinct Australian Aboriginal language formerly spoken by the Waanyi people of the lower gulf area of Northern Queensland, Australia.

The language region includes the western parts of Lawn Hill Creek and Nicholson River, from about the boundary between the Northern Territory and Queensland, westwards towards Alexandria station, Doomadgee, and Nicholson River. It includes the local government area of the Aboriginal Shire of Doomadgee.[3]

Words and phrases from this language are used by novelist Alexis Wright in her 2013 novel, The Swan Book.

Wanyi	
Waanji	
Region	Northern Territory and Queensland, Australia
Ethnicity	Waanyi
Extinct	Late 20th century
Language family	Garrwan ▪ **Wanyi**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	wny
Glottolog	wany1247 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/wany1247)[1]
AIATSIS[2]	G23 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/G23)

Phonology

Phoneme inventory [4]

	Bilabial		Velar	Apical	Palatal	Open
Stop	b		k	d	j	
Nasal	m		ng	n	ny	
Lateral				l	ly	
Tap				rr		
Glide		w		r	y	
Short Vowel		u			i	a
Long Vowel		uu			ii	aa

Phonemic long vowels are rare.[4]

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